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### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 7, 11-18, and 20-25, 27, and 28 are pending. The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 11-18, 20-25, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,134,719 to Mankovitz ("Mankovitz") in view of EP Pat. App. Pub. No. EP 1043851 to Okamoto et al. ("Okamoto").

Applicants have amended several claims as set forth in the above listing of amended claims to more particularly and distinctly claim the invention. These amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification. Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled. New Claims 29 and 30 have been added. Support for Claims 29 and 30 may be found at least on page 8, line 9 – page 9, line 3; on page 9, lines 17-31; and in Figures 3a and 3b of the originally filed application. In light of the subsequent remarks, Applicants respectively submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

#### The Rejection of Independent Claims 1, 18, 20, and 22 under §103(a) is Overcome

The Office Action contends that independent Claims 1, 18, 20, and 22 ("the independent claims") are unpatentable over the combination of Mankovitz and Okamoto. A method according to Claim 18 includes receiving a partial name of a radio station as a search criterion. The partial name comprises some, but not all, of the characters of a complete name of the radio station. The method further comprises responding to reception of the partial name of the radio station by generating a radio station name set including at least one radio station name. The radio station name set is generated by matching the received partial name of the radio station with at least one piece of supplementary information broadcast in conjunction with a plurality of radio stations. Each piece of supplementary information comprises an associated radio station name. The method additionally comprises controlling a display to display the radio station name set, including at least one radio station name, generated by matching the received partial name of the radio station with the supplementary information. The method also includes receiving a user selection of a radio station name, the user selection being from the radio station name set displayed on the display and generated by matching the received partial name of the radio station

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with the supplementary information. Claims 1, 20, and 22 are directed to an apparatus, apparatus, and computer program product, respectively, and include substantially similar recitations.

Accordingly, each of the independent claims recites a feature of receiving a partial name of a radio station as a search criterion, the partial name comprising some, but not all, of the characters of a complete name of the radio station. Neither Mankovits nor Okamoto, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests this feature. Furthermore, neither Mankovits nor Okamoto, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests responding to reception of a partial name of the radio station by generating a radio station name set including at least one radio station name, wherein the radio station name set is generated by matching the received partial name of the radio station with broadcast supplementary information, as recited in the independent claims.

Accordingly, the combination of Mankovits and Okamoto fails to teach or suggest each of the features of the independent claims. Moreover, none of the other cited references, taken alone or in combination, cures the deficiencies of Mankovits and Okamoto. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the independent claims are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, such that the rejection of the independent claims is overcome. Applicants further respectfully submit that the independent claims are in condition for allowance.

The Rejection of the Dependent Claims is Overcome

Because the dependent claims include all of the recitations of a respective independent base claim, Applicants submit that the dependent claims are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claims and are in condition for allowance.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amended claims and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

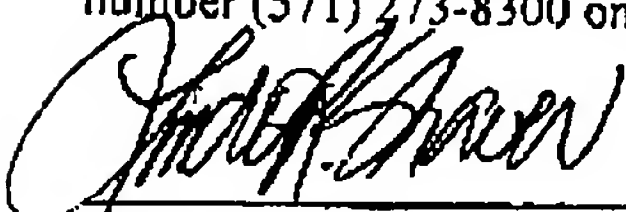


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